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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the

application:

**Listing of Claims:** 

Claim 1 (currently amended): A therapeutic composition for treatment of

vaginal dryness comprising an effective amount of at least two herbal

compounds selected from the group consisting of: aloe vera, evening primrose,

red clover, dong quai, black cohosh, wild yam, chasteberry, cat's claw,

chamomile, calendula flower, gingko biloba, and green tea, said two herbal

compounds used in combination with olive oil, flax seed oil or unseeded flax oil,

jojoba oil, borage oil, distilled water, propylene glycol and an effective amount of

thickening agent to make said composition in gel form.

Claim 2 (previously presented): A therapeutic composition as in claim 1 further

including an effective amount of anti-bacterial agent.

Claim 3 (previously presented): A therapeutic composition as in claim 2

wherein said anti-bacterial agent is selected from the group consisting of methyl

paraben, propyl paraben, imidazolidinyl urea and mixtures thereof.

Claim 4 (currently amended): A therapeutic composition as in claim 1

wherein said herbal compounds are evening primrose and chasteberry[.] used in

combination with jojoba oil and borage oil.

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Claim 5 (currently amended): A therapeutic composition as in claim  $\frac{2}{4}$  further including an effective amount of anti-bacterial agent.

Claim 6 (currently amended): A therapeutic composition as in claim  $\frac{3}{5}$  wherein said anti-bacterial agent is selected from the group consisting of methyl paraben, propyl paraben, imidazolidinyl urea and mixtures thereof.

Claim 7 (currently amended): A therapeutic composition as in claim 1 wherein said herbal compounds are dong quai and chasteberry[.] <u>used in combination with jojoba oil and borage oil.</u>

Claim 8 (previously presented): A therapeutic composition as in claim 7 further including an effective amount of anti-bacterial agent.

Claim 9 (previously presented): A therapeutic composition as in claim 8 wherein said anti-bacterial agent is selected from the group consisting of methyl paraben, propyl paraben, imidazolidinyl urea and mixtures thereof.

Claim 10 (currently amended): A therapeutic composition as in claim 1 wherein said herbal compounds are evening primrose and dong quai[.] <u>used in combination with jojoba oil and borage oil.</u>

Claim 11 (previously presented): A therapeutic composition as in claim 10 including an effective amount of anti-bacterial agent.

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Claim 12 (previously presented): A therapeutic composition as in claim 11 wherein said anti-bacterial agent is selected from the group consisting of methyl paraben, propyl paraben, imidazolidinyl urea and mixtures thereof.

Claim 13 (previously presented): A method for treatment of vaginal dryness comprising administering to a person in need of such treatment an effective amount of a therapeutic composition defined by claim 1.

Claim 14 (previously presented): A method for treatment of vaginal dryness comprising administering to a person in need of such treatment an effective amount of a therapeutic composition defined by claim 2.

Claim 15 (previously presented): A method for treatment of vaginal dryness comprising administering to a person in need of such treatment an effective amount of a therapeutic composition defined by claim 3.

Claim 16 (currently amended): A therapeutic composition in suppository form, for treatment of vaginal dryness, comprising an effective amount of at least two herbal compounds selected from the group consisting of aloe vera, evening primrose, red clover, dong quai, black cohosh, wild yam, chasteberry, cat's claw, chamomile, calendula flower, gingko biloba and green tea, said two herbal compounds used in combination with olive oil, jojoba oil, borage oil, propylene glycol and a wax selected from the group consisting of polyglycerin —6 octylmyristate, polyglyceryl —6 octahydroxystearate, cocoa butter and mixtures thereof.

Claim 17 (previously presented): A therapeutic composition as in claim 16 further including an effective amount of anti-bacterial agent.

Claim 18 (previously presented): A therapeutic composition as in claim 17 wherein said anti-bacterial agent is selected from the group consisting of methyl paraben, propylparaben, imidazolidinyl urea and mixtures thereof.

Claim 19 (currently amended): A therapeutic composition as in claim 16 wherein said herbal compounds are dong quai and chasteberry[.] <u>used in combination</u> with jojoba oil and borage oil.

Claim 20 (previously presented): A therapeutic composition as in claim 19 further including an effective amount of anti-bacterial agent.

Claim 21 (previously presented): A therapeutic composition as in claim 20 wherein said anti-bacterial agent is selected from the group consisting of methyl paraben, propyl paraben, imidazolidinyl urea and mixtures thereof.

Claim 22 (currently amended): A therapeutic composition as in claim 16 wherein said herbal compounds are evening primrose and chamomile[.] <u>used in combination with jojoba oil and borage oil.</u>

Claim 23 (previously presented): A therapeutic composition as in claim 21 further including an effective amount of anti-bacterial agent.

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Claim 24 (previously presented): A therapeutic composition as in claim 21 wherein said anti-bacterial agent is selected from the group consisting of methyl

paraben, propyl paraben, imidazolidinyl urea and mixtures thereof.

Claim 25 (previously presented): A method for treatment of vaginal dryness

comprising administering to a person in need of such treatment an effective

amount of a therapeutic composition defined by claim 16.

Claim 26 (previously presented): A method for treatment of vaginal dryness

comprising administering to a person in need of such treatment an effective

amount of a therapeutic composition defined by claim 17.

Claim 27 (previously presented): A method for treatment of vaginal dryness

comprising administering to a person in need of such treatment an effective

amount of a therapeutic composition defined by claim 18.

Claim 28 (currently amended): A therapeutic composition, in suppository form,

for treatment of vaginal dryness, comprising an effective amount of at least two

herbal compounds selected from the group consisting of aloe vera, evening

primrose, red clover, dong quai, black cohosh, wild yam, chasteberry, cat's claw,

chamomile, calendula flower, gingko biloba and green tea, said two herbal

compounds used in combination with olive oil, jojoba oil, borage oil, propylene

glycol and a polyoxyethyleneglycol having a molecular weight between about 400

and 600.

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Claim 29 (previously presented): A therapeutic composition as in claim 28 further including an effective amount of anti-bacterial agent.

Claim 30 (previously presented): A therapeutic composition as in claim 29 wherein said anti-bacterial agent is selected from the group consisting of methyl paraben, propylparaben, imidazolidinyl urea and mixtures thereof.

Claim 31 (previously presented): A method for treatment of vaginal dryness comprising administering to a person in need of such treatment an effective amount of a therapeutic composition defined by claim 28.